

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Casterman et al.)
Application No.: 10/751,826) Group Art Unit: 1645
Filed: January 5, 2004) Examiner: M. DiBrino
For: IMMUNOGLOGULINS DEVOID OF LIGHT CHAINS)) Confirmation No. 4193)

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

In a restriction requirement dated October 21, 2005, the Examiner required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 between Group I, claims 18-36 and 51-59; Group II, claims 37-38; Group III, claim 39; Group IV, claim 40; Group V, claims 45-45; Group VI, claim 46; Group VII, claim 47; Group VIII, claim 60; Group IX, claim 61; Group X, claim 62; Group XI, claim 63; and Group XII, claim 63.

Applicants provisionally elect to prosecute Group I, claims 18-36 and 51-59 drawn to an immunoglobulin or fragment thereof comprising a VH polypeptide, and composition thereof, classified in Class 530, subclass 387.1 and Class 424, subclass

130.1, respectively. Applicants further elect the species of claim 21 for continued

prosecution.

Applicants object to the Examiner's requirement for election of a specific

detectable label because the label is not an essential feature of the claims. Accordingly,

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw this species

election requirement. To fully comply with the restriction requirement, however.

Applicants elect, with traverse, radioisotopes as the species of detectable label for

continued prosecution.

Claims readable on the elected group and species include claims 18-19

(generic), 21, 25-27, 31-32, 33 (generic), 35 (generic), 51-59 (generic).

Applicants believe that any extensions of time required for entry of this Response

is accounted for in the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time. However, in the

event of an error, please grant any additional time required and charge any additional

required fees to deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: January 23, 2006

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